MINUTES FOR NAPRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEB 9TH

I. Meeting was called to order by Ken, N7IPB, at about 10:30 AM at the BEARS Shack in Renton. Others in attendance were Peter, WA7FUS, Scott, N7FSP, Terry, N6RY, Dennis, KB7DZ, Steve, N8GNJ, and John, KA7TTY.

II. Minutes of the Jan 12th BOD meeting were read and approved.

III. Treasurer, Peter, WA7FUS, reported that there have been a lot of dues coming in and our treasury is up to $1641.03.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Site Status - Scott, N7FSP, reported that #SEA is still in need of a new antenna. The question was asked if the WB7DOB repeater group is interested in selling us their antenna (which we are currently using on #SEA). Peter, WA7FUS, will contact them.

SEAW has a sick receiver. Sensitivity is up to 1 mv. Pete, KC7TD, has found a new receiver and transmit relay that will be going up soon. Scott also removed a 4 foot jumper in the antenna line which had an unsoldered connector at one end. This also contributed to the hearing problem SEAW has had.

Peter, WA7FUS, reported that the WWARA had issued coordination for a 440 repeated on Cougar Mt. to AB7G who may use it for packet!

B. Coordination Applications

The Skagit group has applied for a node KB7DCD-8 on 144.91 MHz located on Sugar Loaf with a beam pointed East. This was approved.

#ELN sent in an FCR for 220.95 MHz. This will be acknowledged but no coordination is given on the backbone.

C. SEA/SEAW Up-grade - Ken, N7IPB, stated that we were still trying to get this effort off the ground. His mention of using Kantronics Data Engines was not ment to limit the committee to that choice. In fact, recent developments regarding software code for the Data Engine make some of the other options look even better. A board by Grace was a for instance. Scott suggested that we purchase 2 Grace boards for testing. Although we may do this in the future, it was felt that it was premature at this time. We need the committee to develop a complete plan first.

Scott, N7FSP, has located the missing "Octopus" 8 port diode matrix board. He asked if we should look into making another for SEA? It was felt that since it was a simple straight forward design, and not needed at this time, that we could safely go ahead and use this board without first commiting it to a CAD artwork design first.

D. Additional 440 radios - The secretary, John, KA7TTY, finally sent off the request for additional radios from the BEARS (as directed at the Dec BOD meeting). Dick Mehnert, W0KPK, BEARS President, replied by phone to John that the letter was discussed at the BEARS BOD meeting, and it was felt that a couple of things needed to be completed before they really considered our request. They would like to see the 2 radios we already have modified, put on the air and working. They would also like to see the modification documented and the documentation made available to the ham community. With this accomplished he felt they would be receptive to our request. He also expressed a concern that his BOD had in general regarding control of ownership of the loaned radios. He said they currently were having discussions

with a new voice repeater owner who had purchased the complete site from its previous owner. The equipment at the site included a BEARS loaned radio.

John, KA7TTY, said that he would also bring this up to the NAPRA BOD and see is we could come up with any suggestions. This was discussed and it was felt that a metal-cal stating that the item was the property of the Boeing Company (with their address) and on loan through the BEARS to (a blank to fill in the loanees name). If the item is no longer being used, please contact the BEARS, c/o Boeing Recreation (and their address) for disposition. The secretary was requested to send a letter to the BEARS confirming our plans to comply with their requests, and suggesting the metal-cal.

E. The 440 repeater status - Ken, N7IPB, reported that the new crystal had not yet arrived. It is overdue, and he plans to contact the manufacturer next week.

V. Old Business

A. Donation to Radio Club of Tacoma - It was moved, seconded and passed to donate $100. Peter, WA7FUS, will write a letter to go along with the donation and will send a copy to the secretary.

B. Non-Profit Status - The Constitution changes were passed at the last general meeting. Dennis, KB7DZ, will send all the paperwork on applying for not-for-profit status to the secretary. John, KA7TTY, will then work on making the application.

C. WWARA/NAPRA Coordination Committee - has not met since last Fall. They may be meeting again soon.

VI. New Business

A. Correspondence - Ken, N7IPB, received an E-mail letter from Bill, WA7SJN, representing the LSO Longview group. He asked if NAPRA could donate a 220 MHz radio to the OLY group for use in place of the radio they loaned for path testing. Ken will contact the OLY group to see what assistance they need.

B. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate $100 to the BEARS in appreciation for their support by providing our Renton meeting site and the repeater time for our Thursday night Packet Radio Ragchew nets. John, KA7TTY, will prepare a letter and forward it to Peter, WA7FUS. Peter will add the check and send it on to the BEARS.

C. There was a discussion about reimbursment of NAPRA Director expenses. It was felt that except for special circumstances most thought of these as donations to NAPRA. With this in mind, it was felt that the BOD should send out more letters of thanks for special individual efforts, and should give certificates of recognition for sustained efforts on behalf of NAPRA. This item will be held over and discussed again at the next BOD meeting.

D. Mike and Key Electronic Flea Market - will be held the second weekend in March. Dennis, KB7DZ, will contact the Mike and Key Club to see about a table and also about a meeting room for our general meeting.

E. Source of 220 MHz radios - Steve, N8GNJ, mentioned that he had info from a Chris Boone, WB5ITT, of Katy, TX on a conversion of 150MHz Motorola Micor radios for 220MHz operation. Conversion of Motorola Motracs was also mentioned. This will be kept in mind, but no action was taken at this time.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

John, KA7TTY
Secretary